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SUBJ: TEXTILES - STATUS OF US BILATERALS WITH NICRAGUA AND
EL SALVADOR

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GUATEMALA ALSO FOR ROCAP; ALSO FOR USIS

1. USIS WIRELESS OF OCTOBER 22 (NO ARF-32) REPORTED, DATE-
LINE MANAGUA, THE SIGNING BY US JURICH AND GON SOMOZA A "MEM-
ORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING" CANCELLING THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT
ON TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES. THE ARTICLE QUOTES GEN SOMOZA
SAYING THIS "UNDERSTANDING", WHICH APPARENTLY IN-
CLUDES REFERENCE TO A FUTURE BASIS FOR TEXTILE TRADE, IS THE
FIRST OF ITS KIND MADE BY THE US AND IT REFLECTS SPECIAL TREAT-
MENT OF NICARAGUA BY THE US. SOMOZA REFERS TO THE OPENING OF TRADE
AFTER EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITHIN 60 DAYS. USIS SAN SALVADOR
HAS WITHHELD RELEASE OF ARTICLE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE
FOLLOWING POINTS. NEVERTHELESS, WE EXPECT TO SEE IT PICKED
UP BY LOCAL PRESS.

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2. MAY WE ASSUME THAT THIS REFERS TO AN UNDERSTANDING PRELIMINARY TO SIGNING OF A NEW BILATERAL UNDER THE MFA AND NOT TO ANY QUOTA FREE ARRANGEMENT? WHY WAS THE OLD BILATERAL CANCELLED BEFORE A NEW AGREEMENT WAS READY AND SIGNED?

3. JURICH, DURING HIS JULY MEETING IN MANAGUA WITH CA GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORTEDLY TOLD THE SALVADORAN DELEGATION THE USG WOULD BE READY TO BEGIN WORKING ON A NEW BILATERAL WITHIN 90 DAYS. IN AUGUST THE SALVADORAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REPORTEDLY COMMUNICATED TO THE DEPARTMENT ITS READINESS TO DO SO AT THE EARLIEST TIME. ECONOMY MINISTER HERE REPORTS NO RESPONSE TO THIS COMMUNICATION NOR ANY IDEA OF WHEN BILATERAL TALKS MIGHT TAKE PLACE. WHEN GOES OFFICIAL LEARN JURICH WAS AS CLOSE AS MANAGUA THEY WILL NO DOUBT QUERY EMBASSY CONCERNING LACK OF MOVEMENT ON THEIR BILATERAL AND APPARENT DISCRIMINATION. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWER TO PARA 2 AND A BRIEF STATUS REPORT OF THE PROPOSED US/GOES TEXTILE TALKS.
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